THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OFTEXTILEXS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN); (a)Yes Sir.

(b) A Weaver's Service at Cannonarc for Kerala State provides, technology upgradation services alongwith other services to the handloom weavers.

Sick Textile Units in Maharashtra

4864. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister ofTEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised New National Textile Policy;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the names & number of sick/chronically sick textile units in Maharashtra as on 31.3.2000;

(d) the details of decision taken for final closure of sick mills/revival of potentially viable textile units-names thereof along with details; of modernisation plan finalished unit wise estimated cost thereof;

(e) the details of follow-up action plan for 2000-2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OFTEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN); (a) and (b) New Textile Policy is likley to be finalised shortly.

(c) As on 9.9.99, a total of 82 Textile Units in the State of Maharashtra have been registered with the Bureau of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction.

(d) and (e) Government of India have enacted the Sick Industrial Companies (special provisions) Act, SICA, 1985 and established the BIFR with a view to arranging the timely detection of sick and potentially sick companies and for the speedy determination of preventive, ameliorative and remedial measures which need to be taken i^respect of such companies. The rehabilitation schmes sanctioned by BIFR include various measures like restructuring the capital, induction of fresh funds by the promoters, merger with the other companies, change of management, provision for working capital and term loans by banks and financial institutions.

Appointment of Special Officers on District Basis

4865. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRIAH: Will the Minister ofTEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to appoint special officers on a district-wise basis in areas where there is high density of weavers and handloom workers;

(b) whether such districts have been identified in the country;

(c) if so, the names of such districts and the respective number of people who are dependent on the handloom sector in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) to what extent the welfare benefits meant for such sections have reached them; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OFTEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN); (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The Government of India extends financial assistance under developmental and welfare schemes, to the State Governments including Andhra Pradesh for the benefit of handloom weavers. These schemes include Project Package Scheme, Market Development Assistance Scheme, Worksh'ed-cum-Housing Scheme, Health Package Scheme etc. During the last 3 years central assistance of Rs. 41.02 crores was released to the State of Andhra Piadesh under these schemes.

Satyam Committee's Recommendations on Empowering Employees

4866. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Salam Committee report on the draft textile policy has recommended empowering the employees recruit and retrench workers with permission of the State Government;

(b) whether Government have accepted this recommendation and incorporated it in the new textile policy; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure the legitimate interests
of the workers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OFTEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN); (a) to (c) An Expert Committee was Constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri S.R. Sathyam to, *inter-alia,* review the impact of the existing Textile policy and suggest policy measures for the